

### Crews Recreation Center – Pickleball Paddle Rotation

Pickleball in Matthews, NC and in the rest of the United States is growing. That's a good thing. Unfortunately, indoor court space has not kept up with the increased demand in the area. In Matthews, we have three indoors courts available for Pickleball every Saturday at the Crews Recreation Center.

Here are a couple of examples of how we hope to keep bench time to a minimum. These scenarios are for the Crews Recreation, which has three courts available for play. All games will be doubles play.

**Two-Up↑↑Two-Down↓↓** Scenario 1 is for when there are **4 or fewer** players waiting to play. This is usually called the **Two-Up↑↑Two-Down↓↓ or winners stay** method. When a game is complete, the winners will remain on the court and separate. The losers will go to the bench. Two new players from the bench will join the new game. If a player has been on the court for 2 consecutive games, then that player must return to the bench. Here is the scenario:

- There are three courts available for play. There are 16 people who want to play. Twelve people are on the court and 4 people are waiting on the bench to play.
- The 4 people waiting to play have their paddles lined up using the Paddle Center as shown below. The paddles to the left belong to the first people to arrive. As new people arrive, they should place their paddles in the nearest empty slots.
- When a game is complete, the winners remain on the court and separate (unless one has been on the court for 2 consecutive games). The losers will place their paddles in the nearest empty slot on the Paddle Center.
- When there are more than 4 players waiting to play, we will go to the **Four-Up↑↑↑↑Four-Down↓↓↓** method (scenario 2).

**Four-Up↑↑↑↑Four-Down↓↓↓** Scenario 2 is for when there are **5 or more** players waiting to play. This is usually called the **Four-Up↑↑↑↑Four-Down↓↓↓ method**. When a game is complete, all four players leave the court and return to the bench. Four new players from the bench will form a new game. Here is the scenario:

- There are three courts available for play. There are 20 people who want to play. Twelve people are on the court and 8 people are waiting on the bench to play.
- The 8 people waiting to play have their paddles lined up using the Paddle Center as shown below. As new people arrive, they should place their paddles in the nearest empty slots.
- When a game is complete, all players should leave the court, return to the bench and place their paddles in the nearest empty slot on the Paddle Center.
- To prevent participants from continuously playing with the same group, participants can wait to place their paddles with a new set of players exiting the court. Since game times vary this may create longer wait times, but can be done at your discretion.

